(b) Does not arise.

(c) Immediate remedial actions are taken on the complaints if any, made by the passengers duly acknowledging the same.

(d) During routine inspections at terminals before commencement of any journey, facilities provided in the trains are inspected and ensured m good working order *to* avoid any problem to travelling passengers.

Construction of Rall Yatrl Niwas

3020. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rail Yatri Niwas constructed by Government during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct Yatri Niwas in Gujarat;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) One.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Construction of Rail Yatri Niwas at a place depends on a number of factors such as the importance of the place, die volume of passenger traffic, specially the tourist traffic, the existing lodging facilities under private sector, the expected occupancy if a Yatri Niwas is provided and above* all, the overall availability of funds.

Modernisation of Railway Stations

3021. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Queston 273 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 1996 and state:

(a) whether all the requisite formalities in the matter have been finalised; and

(b) if not, the reasons there for and by when they will be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Works of such magnitude have to undergo numerous time consuming formalities. For Thane station, the plans were finalised after discussions with the Honourable Member. They are now to be got approved from the local authorities. However,* in the meantime shifting of booking office etc. has been taken up and tenders called for. Drawings for Kalyan station has been finalised and the remaining pre-requisites have also been taken up. For Dorabivli, tenders have been called for the construction of double discharge platform.

रेल कर्मचार्यों का नियमन

3022. **श्रीमती मालती शर्माः** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) 31 दिसम्बर, 1996 तक की तिथि के अनुसार रेलवे में कितने कर्मचारी अस्थायी आधार पर कार्यरत थे;

(ख) इनमे से कितने कर्मचारियों को स्थायी घोषित कर दिया गया; और

(ग) शेष कर्मचारियों को कब तक स्थायी घोषित कर दिए जाने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज)ः (क) से (ग) संभवतः आशय अस्थाई रेलवे कर्मचारी को स्थाई करने के बारे में है। मौजूदा निर्देशानुसार, अस्थायी रेल कर्मचारी परिवीश्रा अवधि सफलतापूर्वक पूरी होने पर स्थाई किए जाते हैं। इस प्रकार, अस्थाई कर्मचारी को स्थाई करना एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है। 31 दिसम्बर, 1996 को अस्थाई कर्मचारियों की संख्या और ऐसे कर्मचारी को जनवरी-फरवरी, 1997 के दौरान स्थाई किए गए, की सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।